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## JUNE 22 UPDATES: GETTING STARTED INFO, DINING ON CAMPUS, AND CARING FOR OURSELVES

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## Caring Well. Staying Well.

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! (Psalm 34:3)*

This week's update includes:

- Important Getting Started information for new students,
- changes to meal plans and more information on dining options,
- decision on fall Study Abroad,
- new campus visit opportunities, and
- a new video resource on caring well for ourselves during this COVID-19 pandemic.

**Getting Started Information** – STING, our Getting Started student planning and leadership team, has nine students on campus all summer working hard to prepare for students' return to Cedarville in August. Every day, they are thinking with a safety mindset in order to build confidence and trust.

Here is important information they want all new students to know:

- Complete all tasks in your ["My Cedarville Portal"](#) to get everything prepared for being a Yellow Jacket in the fall.
- Be sure to set up your [ID card portal](#) by July 1. This will allow staff to have IDs ready when you arrive on campus.
- Download the ["Events at Cedarville University" app](#) for more information, such as the Getting Started schedule or to find out who's in your Sting group. Once in the app, click on "Find Guides" and type "Cedarville University – 2020 Getting Started" and download it.

New students should arrive on campus for [Getting Started Weekend](#) on Friday, August 14. Returning students should not come to campus until Saturday, August 15 (unless they are required to be on campus earlier).

**Dining on Campus** – With the addition of new dining locations this fall, there are a few important changes to note with student meal plans and dining on campus:

- New this fall, "dining dollars" are funds that are included with your meal plans; they expire at the end of each semester. However, for the 2020-21 academic year, "dining dollars" will roll over to spring semester.
- "Flex dollars" are funds that students can purchase in addition to a meal plan; they do not expire and will roll over from semester to semester. Both dining dollars and flex dollars can be used at the dining hall, Stinger's, Chick-fil-A, Tossed, or Grab-n-Go stations.
- Chick-fil-A will not be able to accept gift cards or the Chick-fil-A app as payments. Licensed locations, such as those in airports and college campuses, are not able to offer these services.
- Stinger's will be open Monday through Friday and closed on the weekends. Chick-fil-A and Tossed will be open on Saturday, but closed Sunday. These locations will remain open as community and study spaces, even if the dining counters are closed.
- Grab+Go Markets will provide to-go lunch options in the Biblical and Theological Studies Center (BTS) and, new this fall, at the Callan Athletic Center (CAL) concession counter. There will be no Grab+Go area in the dining hall in order to reduce traffic near the entrance.
- Visit the [Meal Plan webpage](#) for additional information.

**Study Abroad** – Out of concern for the health and safety of our students, Cedarville will not offer Study Abroad opportunities this fall. There has been no decision at this time for spring 2021.

**Campus Visits** – Due to an overwhelming response for campus visits, we have opened up time slots in July on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for visits. Each day's time slots are limited to three families, and you can reserve a spot by [registering online](#). Those who would like to wait till classes are in session can [register for a fall visit](#) as well. We are still offering [live virtual visits](#) on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout the summer. If you know of a high school student who may be interested in Cedarville, please pass along this information!

**Caring for Ourselves** – Continuing our "Caring Well. Staying Well." video series, Dr. Misti Grimson, Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies, shares practical ways the Cedarville community can care for ourselves during the coronavirus pandemic.

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*Bill Martin says:*[July 11, 2020 at 3:34 pm](#)

I wanted to confirm that there's no worship service on Sunday morning Aug 16 as part of the Getting Started weekend. It doesn't show up on the Events @CU app.

Thanks,  
Bill

*Sarah Gump says:*[July 15, 2020 at 6:19 am](#)

Hello, Bill! That is correct. The Sunday morning service was cancelled. Additional information about the Getting Started program will be shared in the comprehensive guide we are releasing soon.

*Rob Rutherford says:*[June 26, 2020 at 9:02 am](#)

Good morning,

My daughter is a STING leader this fall, when will she be able to move in? Thank you

*Sarah Gump says:*[July 6, 2020 at 10:05 am](#)

Hello, Rob! Sting leaders can come as early as 8 a.m. on Monday, August 10th and must be back by Tuesday, August 11th at 5 p.m. Thanks!

*Deborah R. says:*[June 25, 2020 at 8:17 am](#)

Do the parents stay all weekend?

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 26, 2020 at 2:37 pm](#)

Hello, Deborah! For Getting Started Weekend, we have a variety of activities. If you review the [schedule of events](#), you can see which events are designed for parents and which events are for students. The last activity parents are invited to is the Sunday Morning Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2020.

*Steve F. says:*[June 23, 2020 at 6:24 am](#)

Hello, as a parent I'm sending a senior & a freshman to CU this fall & I have concerns about the preparedness of the university. At this time the numbers in Ohio are increasing. Are you going to limit class sizes/stagger class days/space students out in the classroom? Give the students the option to take online classes? Will there be assigned times for students to eat, tables spaced out? I can't see just letting big numbers of students streaming into chucks for lunch & dinner.

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 26, 2020 at 3:02 pm](#)

Hello, Steve! Thanks for asking! Our goal is to navigate these issues carefully, wisely, and sensibly. We will limit the number of online courses as much as possible while still protecting those who are at greatest risk from COVID-19. When the plan for classes is finalized, it will be shared publicly in the Caring Well. Staying Well. Blog. Our dining options will accommodate for social distancing, as well as increased Grab + Go options. We appreciate your feedback and understand your concerns.

*Stevie Powers says:*[June 24, 2020 at 3:19 pm](#)

Will there be any CU Fridays scheduled for this Fall 2020 or Spring 2021?

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 24, 2020 at 5:02 pm](#)

Hello, Stevie! Yes, the [schedule for CU Fridays](#) is available on the website now.

*Mary Collins says:*[June 23, 2020 at 3:42 pm](#)

Hello I am a student who was all set to study abroad in the fall 2020, who should I contact to get more information about this change?

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 23, 2020 at 3:53 pm](#)

Hello, Mary! I am so sorry for the change of plans. Please email Study Abroad at [studyabroad@cedarville.edu](mailto:studyabroad@cedarville.edu) or call 937-766-7953.

*Jedidiah Hopkins says:*[June 22, 2020 at 8:50 am](#)

What are the current plans with the fall 2021? Is it the normal schedule or are we playing it by ear.

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 23, 2020 at 11:14 am](#)

Hello Jedidiah! Here is the [schedule for the fall of 2021](#).

*Bill Martin says:*[June 24, 2020 at 4:19 pm](#)

Hello Sarah, this link takes me to a page that shows the old schedule, with exams in December.

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm](#)

Hello, Bill. Yes, the link above is for the Academic Calendar for [2021-2022](#). If you are looking for the Academic Calendar for 2020-2021, here is [the correct link](#) for that.

*Jarett Insko says:*[June 22, 2020 at 7:31 pm](#)

If I am a student wanting to serve on STING as a STING Leader for Getting Started Weekend, who should I contact?

*Sarah Gump says:*[June 23, 2020 at 10:34 am](#)

Hello Jarett! Please email Katrina R Tucker for more information about STING!

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